

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this bulletin is to incorporate the income policy for the MI Choice waiver and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) into each of the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) items where the policy applies.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To provide clarity for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) local offices by including financial eligibility information in each BEM item where it applies.

Budget implication:

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$, and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

No

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

Summary of input:

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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	Project Number: 2014-Eligibility	Date: June 25, 2020

Comments Due: July 30, 2020
Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2020
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<p>Policy Subject: MI Choice Waiver and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Income Policy</p> <p>Affected Programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Programs</p> <p>Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders</p> <p>Summary: This policy updates BEM 106 and BEM 167 to include financial eligibility criteria for the MI Choice waiver and PACE</p> <p>Purpose: To provide clarity for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) local offices by including financial eligibility information in each BEM item where it applies.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: Limited</p>
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Issued: September 1, 2020 (Proposed)

Subject: MI Choice Waiver and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Income Policy

Effective: October 1, 2020 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Programs

The MI Choice Waiver and PACE use the same financial eligibility criteria as the Extended Care Medicaid category to determine an applicant's financial eligibility. Under current policy the MI Choice Waiver and PACE follow the same income policy as the Extended Care Medicaid category; however, the complete income policy is not stated across the BEM items. Complete income policy for the Extended Care Medicaid category is found in the appropriate manual item (BEM 164); however, the waiver items (BEM 106 and BEM 167) do not have the same complete policy language included. Effective July 1, 2020, the following language will be added to the Financial Eligibility Factors section of BEM 106 and BEM 167:

Special Medicaid policies are used in the Medicaid eligibility determination:

- Apply the Medicaid policies in BEM 500, 501, 502, 503, 504 and 530 to determine gross countable income. Do not apply the deductions in BEM 540 and 541. Please note that income which may be excluded for Medicaid eligibility may be countable for waiver eligibility. Please review the income source carefully in the appropriate income item.

The October 1, 2020 BEM update also includes an update to the definition of homestead in the Glossary to align with the federal definition.